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The Cleveland Museum of Art Names Jane B. Nord Honorary Trustee

CLEVELAND (May 17, 2005) — The Cleveland Museum of Art this month announced the naming of Jane B. Nord, one of the region's most active supporters of the arts and education, an honorary trustee.

"Jane Nord's life-long devotion to the improvement of the quality of life in this community, and certainly her tremendous support of the arts in our region are exemplary. We are honored that she has accepted our invitation to serve as an honorary trustee of the Museum," said Museum Director Katharine Lee Reid.

Nord, wife of retired Nordson Corp. Board (Chair) Eric Nord, is the vice president of the Eric and Jane Nord Foundation, through which she has supported the arts, education and human services. In addition to her support of diverse community organizations, including CMA, she also has dedicated her energies to the development of numerous organizations, including the Community Foundation of Greater Lorain County, and Oberlin Community Schools.

Nord, who received the bachelor's degree in art history from Vassar College and the master's degree in art education from Case Western Reserve University, received the Arts Patron Award from the Governor's Awards for the Arts in 1997. Among the arts organizations benefiting from her expertise and vision are: the Firelands Visual Arts Association, of which she is a founding board member; the Lorain County Arts Council, where she served as a trustee; and the Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art (now the Museum of Contemporary Art), where she also served as a trustee.

Nord's depth of understanding of the value of arts to a community is exceeded only by her support of artists and arts groups. In 1996, She conceived the New Union Center for the Arts, which opened when the Nord Family Foundation purchased Westervelt Hall from an Oberlin, Ohio, builder. The purchase of this space, along with an endowment of a fund for annual operations administered by the Community Foundation for Greater Lorain County, enabled a number of non-profit arts groups that had been surviving on "shoe string" budgets to operate there. In addition, the Jane Baker Nord Scholarship Fund for the Art Education Graduate Program continues to support students at Case Western Reserve University.

Nord, who plays the piano and performs periodically, also has given of her personal time and talent. Because she believes that the visual arts plays a key role in a person's development, she organized classes for local school children, who otherwise would not receive exposure to the arts, in her own home.

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The Nords, longtime members and supporters of CMA, have addressed a number of interests in their generosity to the institution, ranging from support of special exhibitions to donor circles memberships. The Nords also have donated significantly to area educational interests, including funds for the newly converted Physical and Intellectual Center for Engineering Education and the Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities at Case Western Reserve University.

"The Cleveland Museum of Art holds a special place in my heart and in this community," Nord said. "We are very fortunate to have an institution of this caliber right in our own backyard."

The Cleveland Museum of Art is one of America's leading comprehensive museums. Its permanent collection is world renowned for its quality and breadth, spanning 6,000 years. The museum is a significant international forum for exhibitions, scholarship, and art acquisitions. For more information on the museum, its holdings, programs, services, and events, call 1-888-CMA-0033 or visit www.ClevelandArt.org.

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